



EARL E. MILLER 1901-1989

FAE MILLER 1907-2002

Back in the days when Georgia Pacific was known as Crown Zellerbach, an annual festival was held, known as the "Paper Festival," in which a Paper Queen was crowned. In 1940, the Miller's only daughter, Maxine, was chosen as the first Camas Paper Festival Junior Court Queen. That tradition eventually ended. However, royalty seemed to run in the family because in 1981, a new tradition began with the inception of the Camas Days Festival, and Earl and Fae Miller became the first Senior Citizen King and Queen recipients.

As today, nominees for Senior Citizen King and Queen have to be residents of Camas or Washougal, at least 55 years young, and demonstrate volunteerism in the community. Earl and Fae were certainly a popular and worthy couple.

Fae Evangeline Stark was born in Camas, graduated from Camas High School in 1926, and worked at J.C. Penny. She was a past President of the Carpenters and Joiners Auxiliary, a member of the Two Rivers Historical Society and a past Commander of the LaCamas Navy Mothers. A great and charming lady, she was noted for boundless energy, and when she was chosen Queen, she was quoted as saying, "I can say I've lived here all my life, but I haven't lived all my life yet." She loved painting, dancing, camping, fishing and gardening. The first car she drove was called a "Whippet." She was a charter member of the First Christian Church, which her two uncles helped to build in the early 1900s.

Earl graduated from Camas High School in 1920. He played football before shoulder pads and fiberglass helmets were standard-issue equipment. He was a volunteer fireman, a past President of the Carpenter's Union, served on the City of Camas Planning Commission for 32 years, and was past President of the Camas Washougal Wildlife League, of which the Millers were both life members. During World War II he was an Air Raid Warden.

The Millers were also members of the Christian Church, the Camas Senior Citizens group, the Happy Stompers Square Dance Club, and the 49er's Trailer Club, and were board members of the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Earl and Fae were married for 61 years. Their three children are Maxine Miller Ambrose of Camas, Keith E. Miller, now deceased, and Jim Miller of Salem, Oregon.

The family has carried on the tradition of community service and helping others as Maxine remains active in Soroptimist International and the Camas United Methodist Church. She also served on the Camas Cemetery Board.

